

CLAIMS

1. A communication apparatus for carrying out data communications by allocating data to a plurality of tones, the communication apparatus comprising:

5 a bit allocation calculating unit which calculates a number of bits that can be allocated to each tone for each communication apparatus that becomes a communication party, at the time of a training for setting initialization information before carrying out data communications; and

10 a data communication unit which carries out data communications to each communication apparatus that becomes the communication party based on the bit allocation calculated by the bit allocation calculating unit.

15 2. The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data communication unit carries out only data transmission.

3. The communication apparatus according to claim 1,
20 wherein the data communication unit carries out only data reception.

4. A communication method of carrying out data communications by allocating data to a plurality of tones,
25 the communication method comprising steps of:

calculating a number of bits that can be allocated to each tone for each communication apparatus that becomes a communication party, at the time of a training for setting initialization information before carrying out data
5 communications; and

carrying out data communications to each communication apparatus that becomes the communication party based on the bit allocation calculated.

10 5. The communication method according to claim 4, wherein among the communication apparatuses that carry out communications, a communication apparatus that becomes a clock master for transmitting a synchronization signal is set, and the communication apparatuses other than the clock
15 master receive a synchronization signal from the communication apparatus that becomes the clock master, and carry out synchronization.

6. The communication method according to claim 5, wherein
20 the plurality of tones having the same bandwidth are used.

7. The communication method according to claim 4, wherein
the communication apparatuses are managed by dividing
25 them into masters and slaves.

8. The communication method according to claim 7, wherein
among the communication apparatuses that carry out
communications, a communication apparatus that becomes a
5 clock master for transmitting a synchronization signal is
set, and the communication apparatuses other than the clock
master receive a synchronization signal from the
communication apparatus that becomes the clock master, and
carry out synchronization.

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9. The communication method according to claim 8, wherein
the plurality of tones having the same bandwidth are
used.